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we build facilities in those areas that we think comparable to any that you have in many of the metropolitan areas. They are good enough for us, why can't we train some people in out-state Nebraska. I'm going to tell Senator Mills and my fellow friends from out-state Nebraska who are willing to slide this thing along, and I respect Senator Mahoney and his ability for getting the job done, but I'm going to say this, that once you slide it across you are going to be pedaling into Omaha and Lincoln when you need doctors until something is done and the cream can over flows into outstate Nebraska and the fellows go out there and find out that it isn't all that bad. The time to get the job done is now. The time to get the assurance that we can have some practioners in out-state Nebraska is when you have got them where the hair is short, and you have got them there now. They have got the money and they are willing to deal. Now deal with a deal. You can call it what you want too, but if they want the money, this legislature has been very frugal and is going to continue to be frugal. Every session we have a wild day, and were starting to be that way a little bit today. This is the time to get the job done. Now you can put together a collotion, or whatever you want and I have been on both sides, and I'm not ashamed of that. I'm not going to back away from my support of the bill regardless of what happens. I'm just telling you right now that all of a sudden this bill does not need to move today. There are a lot of bills up there, very few priority bills have been acted upon and were hoping to get the rest of them acted upon. A few of us will probably be more generous than others and let our bills slide, but the facts are that unless this thing is done as Senator Lewis has outlined then we are not going to be able to even talk with the people that are in charge of deciding where the practice and education takes place. I would suggest that we go along and go along with Senator Lewis' motion and go along with the bracket motion. The world is not going to come to an end by Monday morning and I would suggest that by that time, by that time there would be a lot of other people who have had second thoughts and hopefully we can come to some kind of assurance from the people who are in charge of training that we are going to have some people in training in those areas where the doctors are surely needed. If you want to know something about where the doctors are now, check the records and find out that the vast majority of medical personnel is concentrated in Omaha and to lesser extent in Lincoln. If you want them out-state the way to get them out-state is while they are learning the job. I have one more comment to make and that is in regards to the Physicians Assistant program. It has been called a good program, but it is not getting any special attention. It won't get any special attention until this Legislature puts the screws to them and does something that gets their attention. It is just like Senator Burbach did on the air conditioning. He got attention real fast, and I think that we can do the same thing here. We have got their attention and were going to get some results if we don't let up the pressure otherwise, were going to go down the drain.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak.